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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: CVIS: SOPN (SOKOLOV, ALEXANDER)

SUBJECT: U.S. VISA FOR ALEXANDER SOKOLOV

1. THE PRESENCE OF JOHANNA STEINDL-SOKOLOV, WIFE OF SOVIET DISSIDENT AUTHOR ALEXANDER SOKOLOV, AT A FEBRUARY 22 MEETING IN FRANKFURT OF A GROUP FOUNDED IN 1972 AND CALLED SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (GESELLSCHAFT FUER MENSCHENRECHTE) HAS INTER ALIA PRODUCED SOME CRITICAL PRESS COMMENT ON THE ALLEGED REFUSAL OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN VIENNA TO GRANT THE SOKOLOVS A TEMPORARY VISITORS' VISA TO THE UNITED STATES.

2. THE ARTICLE IN THE FRANKFURTER NEUE PRESSE OF FEBRUARY 23 HEADLINED VICTIM OF DETENTE AFTER NOTING SOME OF THE DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED BY THE SOKOLOVS BEFORE AND AFTER THEIR DEPARTURE FROM THE SOVIET UNION STATES THAT THE AMERICAN PUBLISHER OF HIS NEXT NOVEL "SCHOOL OF FOOLS" SHORTLY TO BE PUBLISHED IN ENGLISH HAD INVITED THE AUTHOR AND HIS WIFE TO VISIT THE U.S. IT GOES ON TO SAY THAT DESPITE NOTARIZED ASSURANCES FROM THE U.S. PUBLISHER THAT ALL COSTS OF THE VISIT WOULD BE COVERED BY THEM A VISITORS' VISA WAS REFUSED BY

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U.S. CONSULAR OFFICIALS IN VIENNA ON THE GROUNDS

THAT THE SOKOLOVS WERE ATTEMPTING TO ILLEGALLY  
IMMIGRATE TO THE U.S. THE ARTICLE CONCLUDES  
PLAINTIVELY "IT LOOKS AS IF EAST-WEST DETENTE  
HAS SOME STRANGE EFFECTS".

3. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT THE DETAILS OF THE SOKOLOV  
VISA CASE ARE BUT IN THE ABSENCE OF INFORMATION  
JUSTIFYING DENIAL OF AN NIV WOULD BE PLEASED TO  
RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO TRY TO LOCATE  
MRS. SOKOLOV IF SHE IS STILL IN FRANKFURT AND  
TELL HER THAT WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO GIVE HER AND HER  
HUSBAND A TEMPORARY VISA TO THE U.S. IT WOULD ALSO  
BE USEFUL TO HAVE INFORMATION TO ENABLE US TO  
CORRECT PRESS STORY.LEHMANN

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